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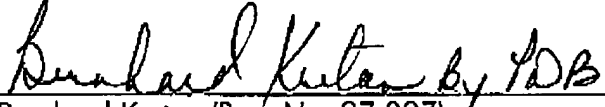
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	10/755,021
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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)
- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____		
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.		
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)
- 3 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____		
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Filed:	January 8, 2004)	
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For:	Apparatus and Method for)	
	Increasing Capacity of)	
	Automated Litter Box)	

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REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.133

Applicants hereby request an interview with the Examiner, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. section 1.133 and MPEP Section 713.01, after the Examiner has considered the effect of Applicants' Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed on February 10, 2005.

Date: August 10, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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